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THE FALMOUTH AND TRURO PORT HEALTH AUTHORITY

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1966.

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FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31st DECEMBER, 1901

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FALMOUTH AND TRURO PORT HEALTH AUTHORITY

Mr.Chairman, Madam and Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in presenting my report for the year 1966. It is made in accordance with the Regulations of the Ministry of Health, which prescribe the duties of the Medical Officer of Health.

It is a pleasure to record the help and co-operation of H.M.Customs, the Immigration Officer, the Pilots and all who helped me carry out my duties.

I should like to express my appreciation of the work and meticulous records kept by Mr.Frank Jackett.

I am,

Mr.Chairman, Madam and Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

H.R.DEVLIN

I. STAFF

TABLE A

Name of Officer	Nature of Appointment	Date of Appointment	Qualifications	Any other appointments held
D. HALL	Clerk	21 February, 1952	-	Town Clerk, Falmouth.
J. ODGERS	Treasurer	1 April, 1964	-	Manager, Lloyds Bank, Falmouth.
H.R.T.DEVLIN	Port Medical Officer of Health	1 July, 1966	M.B., B.Ch., Dublin	-
J.F.H.DEEBLE	Deputy Port Medical Officer of Health	1 October, 1966	M.B., Bs.Lond. D.O.bst.R.C.O.G.	-
F.JACKETT	Port Health Inspector	1 October, 1940	Cert.R.San.I.	-

Address and telephone number of) 42, Church Street, Falmouth.
the Medical Officer of Health) Tel. Falmouth 143.

II. AMOUNT OF SHIPPING ENTERING THE DISTRICT
DURING THE YEAR

TABLE B

Ships from	Number	Tonnage	Number Inspected		Number of ships reported as having, or having had during the voyage, infectious disease on board.
			By the Medical Officer of Health	By the Port Health Inspector	
Foreign Ports	318	1,402,624	4	262	-
Coastwise	676	1,045,780	5	451	-
	994	2,448,404	9	713	-

III. CHARACTER OF SHIPPING AND TRADE
DURING THE YEAR

TABLE C

Passenger Traffic	(Number of passengers INWARDS Nil (Number of passengers OUTWARDS Nil
Cargo Traffic	(Principal IMPORTS Small quantity of Timber, (Coal and Petroleum Spirit. Only a negligible amount of import trade is carried on at the Port which is primarily a ship repair Port. ((Principal EXPORTS - None

PRINCIPAL PORTS from which ships arrive :-

Amsterdam, Antwerp, Curacao, Cherbourg, Dieppe, Gibraltar,
Hampton Roads, Halifax N.S., Hamburg, Oslo, Rotterdam,
Rouen, Stockholm.

Approximately 75% of vessels arrive from
Scandinavian, Continental and United Kingdom Ports
for dry docking after discharging cargo abroad.

IV. INLAND BARGE TRAFFIC

There is no Barge traffic in the Port.

V. WATER SUPPLY

No Change.

VI. PUBLIC HEALTH (SHIPS) REGULATIONS, 1952 to 1963

No Change.

VII. SMALLPOX

No Change.

VIII. VENEREAL DISEASE

No Change.

IX. CASES OF NOTIFIABLE AND OTHER INFECTIOUS
DISEASES ON SHIPS

TABLE D

Category	Disease	Number of cases during the year		Number of ships concerned
		Passengers	Crew	
Cases landed from ships from foreign ports	-	-	-	-
Cases which have occurred on ships from foreign ports but have been disposed of before arrival	-	-	-	-
Cases landed from other ships	-	-	-	-

X. OBSERVATIONS ON THE OCCURRENCE OF
MALARIA IN SHIPS

No case of Malaria has been observed during the past year.

XI. MEASURES TAKEN AGAINST SHIPS INFECTED
WITH OR SUSPECTED FOR PLAGUE

No ships infected with or suspected for plague have arrived during the past year.

XII. MEASURES AGAINST RODENTS IN SHIPS
FROM FOREIGN PORTS

No Change.

TABLE E

RODENTS DESTROYED DURING THE
YEAR IN SHIPS FROM FOREIGN PORTS

Category	Number
Black rats	-
Brown rats	-
Sent for examination	-
Infected with plague	-

TABLE F
DERATTING CERTIFICATES AND DERATTING EXEMPTION CERTIFICATES
ISSUED DURING THE YEAR FOR SHIPS FROM FOREIGN PORTS

Number of Deratting Certificates issued					Number of Deratting Exemption Certificates Issued	Total Certificates Issued
HCN 1	After fumigation with		After trapping	After poisoning	Total	
	Other fumigant (State method)	2	3	4	5	6
-	-	-	-	-	-	48
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XIII. INSPECTION OF SHIPS FOR NUISANCES

TABLE G

INSPECTION AND NOTICES

Nature and Number of inspections		Notices Served		Result of serving notices
		Statutory Notices	Other Notices	
General Inspections	713	-	28	All notices complied with
Re-visits	1,112	-	-	-
Total	1,825	-	28	-

XIV. PUBLIC HEALTH (SHELL-FISH) REGULATIONS, 1934 and 1948

Samples of Oysters were obtained from the main suppliers to the Market, namely :-

Messrs. Helford Oyster Fisheries.
 Messrs. H. Johns, Flushing.
 Messrs. Gunn, Coombe, Truro.
 Mrs. Baker, Coombe, Truro.
 Mr. F. F. Vinnicombe, Mylor, Falmouth.

These were examined by the Public Health Pathologist, Royal Cornwall Infirmary and were pronounced very clean and fit for human consumption.

XV. MEDICAL INSPECTION OF ALIENS & IMMIGRANTS

Medical Inspectors of Aliens and Immigrants holding Warrants of Appointment

Dr. Albert Cecil Dick held Warrants of Appointment until retirement on the 30th June, 1966. New Warrants have not yet been issued.

Other Staff

None.

Organisation of Work and Nature and Amount of Alien Traffic

Falmouth is an approved Port under the Aliens Order for the landing of aliens. In the event, however, of aliens arriving arriving arrangements would be made for medical inspection to be carried out on board. It has not been thought necessary to make any special arrangements for providing accommodation for medical inspection and examination ashore.

Aliens arriving at the Port during the year January - December, 1966 - 147. Commonwealth Immigrants arriving at the Port during the year January-December, 1966 - 7.

XVI. MISCELLANEOUS

No case of death on board ship from infectious disease has occurred for many years. Dead bodies of persons who had died of infectious diseases would be removed to the mortuary and the Authority would endeavour to secure cremation. The nearest Crematorium is at Truro.

Among the vessels visited in Falmouth Bay during the year were the BRITISH FLAG, LONDON VALOUR, M/V BELLA, LIZZIE TERKAL, S/S BASKERVILLE, M/V DUNADD, S/T SKAWA, S/S PALMELIAN and S/S TREBARTHA.

These vessels were visited for examination and the making of arrangements for the removal of patients to hospital for treatment.

FALMOUTH AND TRURO PORT HEALTH AUTHORITY

Mr. Chairman, Madam and Gentlemen,

I beg to submit my report for the year 1966.

SHIP INSPECTION

During the year 713 vessels were inspected and 28 of them were found to have nuisances or defects on board. Verbal and informal notices were given and as a result all the nuisances and defects were remedied. 1,825 re-visits were made to vessels in connection with these nuisances and defects and rat destruction and vessels from infected areas.

As shown in Table B 262 ships from Foreign Ports were inspected and 451 ships from Coastwise Ports, making the total of 713.

Nuisances and Defects

These consisted mainly of structural defects caused through wear and tear, defective heating apparatus, dirty, foul and defective water closets and fittings and bathrooms, choked scuppers, dirty clothes lockers, and messrooms.

Dirt, Vermin and other conditions prejudicial to health

This type of nuisance and other conditions prejudicial to health are now rare. The number of vessels dealt with during the year on account of these conditions of the crew's quarters is becoming much less than in previous years.

The disinfestation of verminous vessels is carried out by the pressure spraying of liquid insecticides. During the year 21 vessels were dealt with.

CLEAN AIR ACT, 1956

The Dark Smoke (Permitted Periods) (Vessels) Regulations, 1958

The attention of the Masters and Engineers of vessels arriving at the Port is directed to the requirements of the Regulations.

The minimum times for observing smoke emissions vary for 30 minutes (black smoke) to 2 hours (dark smoke) and in order to implement the main purpose of the Act, visits are made to the vessels when any dark smoke is being emitted and representation made to the Officer-in-Charge. He is informed that observation is being kept and requested to make every effort to reduce the emission.

During the year 24 observations were made of smoke emissions from 10 British Ships and 14 from foreign ships. In each case the emission was within the prescribed limits and the intensity reduced following my visit.

RAT DESTRUCTION

The sheds, quays and wharves are periodically visited and inspected and immediate measures are taken when fresh evidence of rats or their presence is reported. Poison baits are laid by the Docks Rodent Officer.

THE PREVENTION OF DAMAGE BY PESTS (APPLICATION TO SHIPPING) ORDER, 1951, AND AMENDMENT NO. 2 ORDER, 1956

In addition to the functions they exercise, in common with other local authorities, Port Health Authorities are empowered to issue Rodent Control Certificates. The purpose of these certificates is to relieve Authorities from the necessity of inspecting coastwise vessels which are known to be free or to have been recently freed from rats and mice and the period of validity has been limited to four months.

Since the Amendment No. 2 Order came into operation authorising a charge for these Certificates, most of the vessels have preferred to pay the slight additional cost and obtain International Certificates. One certificate was issued during 1966.

FOOD INSPECTION FOOD AND DRUGS ACT, 1955 THE PUBLIC HEALTH (IMPORTED FOOD) REGULATIONS, 1937 AND 1948 PRESERVATIVES IN FOOD REGULATIONS, 1962

No imported food-stuffs are discharged within the Port Health District. No action necessary.

THE PUBLIC HEALTH (IMPORTED MILK) REGULATIONS, 1926

No action necessary.

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